

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2004, claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended. Claims 3 and 5-63 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 4 are currently pending.

Claims 1-4 and 6-46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for double patenting and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,432,235.

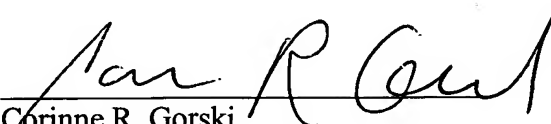
Claims 1-4 and 6-46 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for double patenting and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 6,780,265.

Newly amended claim 1 recites a method for producing individual folded labels from a ribbon of labels. The method comprises the steps of providing a ribbon of labels, attaching a plurality of adhesive backed devices to the ribbon of labels, and providing heat and pressure to the ribbon of labels and plurality of devices attached thereto. The ribbon of labels is then ultrasonically subdivided into separate, individual folded labels having a device attached thereto.

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the '235 patent, for example, at Column 8, lines 31-40.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims overcome the double patenting and obviousness-type double patenting rejections. A prompt passage to issuance is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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